

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Topsham, Maine  
 May 15, 2019  
 Sagadahoc, ss

TO: Chris Lewis, a Constable for the Town of Topsham  
 FROM: Municipal Officers of Topsham

GREETINGS: You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Topsham, qualified to vote on Town Affairs, to assemble at Mt. Ararat High School Commons on Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019 A.D. at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the evening and then and there to act on Articles 1 thru 27 to wit:

**Article 1** - To elect a **Moderator** to preside at said meeting.

**Article 2** - To have the Town vote to raise, appropriate and spend the sum of **\$1,262,975** for Debt Service.

	<u>2019-20</u> <u>Board of</u> <u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>2019-20</u> <u>Finance Committee</u> <u>Recommendation</u>
<b>Monument Place Ext</b>	\$174,777	Interchange TIF	\$174,777
<b>Municipal Building</b>	\$104,877	By-Pass TIF	\$104,877
	\$100,000	Frost St. TIF	\$100,000
	\$570,721	Taxation	\$570,721
<b>Municipal Complex (Includes Sidewalks)</b>	\$30,500	Taxation	\$30,500
<b>Fire Truck</b>	\$31,636	Taxation	\$31,636
	\$11,938	By-Pass North TIF	\$11,938
	\$1,791	By- Pass TIF	\$1,791
	\$298	Village Candle TIF	\$298
	\$298	Bowdoin Mill TIF	\$298
	\$2,984	Interchange TIF	\$2,984
	\$8,953	Frost St TIF	\$8,953
	\$1,194	Downtown TIF	\$1,194
	\$597	Affordable TIF	\$597
<b>Equipment Bond (2015)</b>	\$46,400	Taxation	\$46,400
	\$1,289	By-Pass TIF	\$1,289
	\$2,363	Village Candle TIF	\$2,363
	\$2,363	Bowdoin Mill TIF	\$2,363
	\$10,741	By-Pass North TIF	\$10,741
	\$8,593	Interchange TIF	\$8,593
	\$6,444	Frost Street TIF	\$6,444
	\$5,156	Downtown TIF	\$5,156
	\$2,578	Affordable TIF	\$2,578
<b>Equipment Bond (2016)</b>	\$73,702	Taxation	\$73,702
	\$2,047	By-Pass TIF	\$2,047
	\$3,753	Village Candle TIF	\$3,753
	\$3,753	Bowdoin Mill TIF	\$3,753
	\$17,061	By-Pass North TIF	\$17,061
	\$13,648	Interchange TIF	\$13,648
	\$10,236	Frost Street TIF	\$10,236
	\$8,189	Downtown TIF	\$8,189
	\$4,095	Affordable TIF	\$4,095
	<b>\$1,262,975</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,262,975</b>

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation:**  
**Finance Committee Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**  
**Ought to Pass**

**Article 3-** To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for **General Government** under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer funds from the Payroll Adjustment line in Insurance, to departments outside of General Government, for anticipated employee wage and benefit adjustments.

	<u>2018-19 Approved Appropriation</u>	<u>2019-20 Board of Selectmen Recommendation</u>	<u>2019-20 Finance Committee Recommendation</u>
<b>General Government</b>			
1. Administration	\$345,885	\$348,684	\$348,684
2. Municipal Officers	\$18,621	\$18,723	\$18,723
3. Finance Manager	\$88,589	\$161,434	\$161,434
4. Central Services	\$133,100	\$136,600	\$136,600
5. Tax/Clerk	\$309,965	\$321,032	\$321,032
6. Codes	\$92,312	\$95,676	\$95,676
7. Assessing	\$128,270	\$139,831	\$139,831
8. Elections/Registration	\$13,064	\$16,664	\$16,664
9. Planning Office	\$242,006	\$251,434	\$251,434
10. Economic Development	\$124,400	\$132,485	\$132,485
11. Municipal Insurance	\$186,980	\$363,782	\$363,782
12. Facilities Maintenance	\$166,275	\$175,006	\$175,006
13. Parks & Recreation	\$408,582	\$481,250	\$481,250
14. Library	\$651,146	\$715,278	\$715,278
15. General Assistance	\$20,600	\$12,300	\$12,300
16. Contractual Services	\$117,600	\$129,100	\$129,100
17. Public Utilities	\$370,763	\$382,000	\$382,000
18. Municipal TIF Fund	\$106,147	\$82,265	\$82,265
19. TDI Enterprise Account	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,524,305</b>	<b>\$4,063,544</b>	<b>\$4,063,544</b>

<u>Board of Selectmen Recommendation</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Finance Committee Recommendation</u>
\$399,699	Interchange TIF	\$399,699
\$689,545	State Revenue Sharing	\$689,545
\$865,157	General Revenue	\$865,157
\$500,000	Homestead Exemption	\$500,000
\$55,000	BETE Reimbursement	\$55,000
\$68,313	Surplus	\$68,313
\$90,409	Downtown TIF	\$90,409
\$9,371	Affordable Housing TIF	\$9,371
\$1,386,050	Taxation	\$1,386,050
<b>\$4,063,544</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,063,544</b>

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation:**  
**Finance Committee Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**  
**Ought to Pass**

**Article 4 –** To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for the **Capital Projects Fund** under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same:

	<u>2018-19 Approved Appropriation</u>	<u>2019-20 Board of Selectmen Recommendation</u>		<u>2019-20 Finance Committee Recommendation</u>	
		<u>Raise</u>	<u>Spend</u>	<u>Raise</u>	<u>Spend</u>
<b>Administration</b>					
Computers/Photo Copier	\$7,000	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000
Capital Maintenance	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Facility System Replacement (Furnaces, A/C, roof, etc.)	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Assessing</b>					
Commercial Appraisal	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Revaluation	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
CAMA Upgrade	\$12,000	\$	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Fire Protection/Rescue</b>					
Tanker #1 Repairs	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Police</b>					
Cruiser	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000
Speed Sign Trailer	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
In-Vehicle MOT	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Women's Locker Room Exp	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Public Works</b>					
Dump Body	\$0	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
Road Construction	\$500,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Mower	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Elm St. Culvert	\$122,855	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Elm St. Ext. Reconstruction	\$327,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1 Ton Pick Up with Plow	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Roller	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
River Road Culvert	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Main Street Improvements	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Weed Technics	\$0	\$22,700	\$22,700	\$22,700	\$22,700
Unit 34 Plow Truck	\$0	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
<b>Recreation</b>					
Facility Improvements	\$0	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000
Court Resurfacing	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Building Repairs	\$7,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Zero Turn Mower	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Solid Waste</b>					
Loader Plow Unit	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,355,355</b>	<b>\$1,293,200</b>	<b>\$1,293,200</b>	<b>\$1,193,200</b>	<b>\$1,193,200</b>

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation**

**Allocation**

**Finance Committee Recommendation**

\$239,250	Taxation	\$139,250
\$3,250	By-Pass TIF	\$3,250
\$7,300	Village Candle TIF	\$7,300
\$4,050	Bowdoin Mill TIF	\$4,050
\$4,050	By-Pass North TIF	\$4,050
\$84,900	Interchange TIF	\$84,900
\$1,300	Frost Street TIF	\$1,300
\$210,050	Downtown TIF	\$210,050
\$4,050	Affordable TIF	\$4,050
\$27,000	Targeted Capital Reserves	\$27,000
\$98,000	URIP	\$98,000
\$60,000	Surplus	\$60,000
\$550,000	Excise	\$550,000
<b>\$1,293,200</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,193,200</b>

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation:**  
**Finance Committee Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**  
**Ought to Pass**

**Article 5** - To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for **Public Safety** under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same:

	<b><u>2018-19</u></b> <b><u>Approved</u></b> <b><u>Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>2019-20</u></b> <b><u>Board of Selectmen</u></b> <b><u>Recommendation</u></b>	<b><u>2019-20</u></b> <b><u>Finance Committee</u></b> <b><u>Recommendation</u></b>
<b>Public Safety</b>			
Police Protection	\$1,807,432	\$1,805,522	\$1,805,522
Fire Protection/Rescue	\$1,002,511	\$1,182,325	\$1,182,325
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,809,943</b>	<b>\$2,987,847</b>	<b>\$2,987,847</b>

**2019-20**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Recommendation**

**Allocation**

**2019-20**  
**Finance Committee**  
**Recommendation**

\$250,000	Excise	\$250,000
\$200,000	General Revenue	\$200,000
\$60,000	Surplus	\$60,000
\$2,477,847	Taxation	\$2,477,847
<b>\$2,987,847</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,987,847</b>

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation:**  
**Finance Committee Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**  
**Ought to Pass**

**Article 6-** To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for **Public Works, Solid Waste and Recycling Program** under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same: (The Public Works Department is authorized to spend funds from this article in support of Capital Projects.)

	<u>2018-19</u> <u>Approved</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2019-20</u> <u>Board of Selectmen</u> <u>Recommendation</u>	<u>2019-20</u> <u>Finance Committee</u> <u>Recommendation</u>
Public Works	\$1,228,995	\$1,319,447	\$1,319,447
Solid Waste/Recycling	<u>\$393,820</u>	<u>\$444,593</u>	<u>\$444,593</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,622,815</b>	<b>\$1,764,040</b>	<b>\$1,764,040</b>

  

	<u>2019-20</u> <u>Board of Selectmen</u> <u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>2019-20</u> <u>Finance Committee</u> <u>Recommendation</u>
	\$200,000	General Revenues	\$200,000
	\$1,000,000	Excise	\$1,000,000
	<u>\$564,040</u>	Taxation	<u>\$564,040</u>
	<b>\$1,764,040</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,764,040</b>

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation:**  
**Finance Committee Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**  
**Ought to Pass**

**Article 7-** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to spend for the **Topsham Community Fund**, which will be held in reserve for future projects, including unanticipated Topsham Bike Path expenses and local match or development expenses for the acquisition and development the Town's Head of Tide Park and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same:

	<u>2018-19</u> <u>Approved</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2019-20</u> <u>Board of Selectmen</u> <u>Recommendation</u>	<u>2019-20</u> <u>Finance Committee</u> <u>Recommendation</u>
Community Fund	\$15,000	\$27,000	\$27,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$27,000</b>	<b>\$27,000</b>

  

	<u>2019-20</u> <u>Board of Selectmen</u> <u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>2019-20</u> <u>Finance Committee</u> <u>Recommendation</u>
	\$22,000	Targeted Cap. Reserve	\$22,000
	<u>\$5,000</u>	Taxation	<u>\$5,000</u>
	<b>\$27,000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,000</b>

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation:**  
**Finance Committee Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**  
**Ought to Pass**

**Article 8-** To see what sum the Town will vote to increase the maximum property tax levy limit established by State Law (L.D. 1) in the event that the municipal budget approved at this Town Meeting results in a tax commitment in excess of the maximum property tax levy otherwise applicable such that the increased maximum property tax levy hereby established will equal the amount committed: (By State Law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot.)

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation:**  
**Finance Committee Recommendation:**

**No recommendation**  
**No recommendation**

**Article 9** – To see if the Voters will adopt an Ordinance to Amend the Topsham Zoning Ordinance to amend Chapter 225-6, Definitions and Chapter 225-33, Signs, to define public notice signs and allow the town and school district to utilize electronic message signage for public notice signs.

**Underlined text are additions; struck out text is proposed to be removed**

§ 225-6 Definitions

**MUNICIPAL - Any authority, agency or unit of local government or school district.**

**SIGN, PUBLIC NOTICE** – A sign located on municipal property or located at a municipal facility to display notices or information to the public. An official notice posted by public employees in performance of their duties.

**§ 225-33 Signs.**

A. Purpose. The purposes of these sign regulations are to encourage the effective use of signs as a means of communication within the Town; to maintain and enhance the aesthetic environment of the Town and the Town's ability to attract economic development; to improve pedestrian, bike and vehicular safety; and to minimize possible adverse effects of signs on nearby public and private property.

B. General requirements.

(1) No signs, other than those not requiring permits in the Consolidated Sign Table, shall be erected prior to obtaining a permit.

(2) All signs must be stationary and permanently installed except where exempted by this section.

~~(3) No sign shall be comprised of, or illuminated by, intermittent light, except digital public service messages, such as time, date, temperature, public notices, public safety, etc., unless allowed by this section.~~

(3) All lighting shall be hooded or shielded to prevent direct illumination of public streets or abutting properties and shall be designed and installed to minimize lighting the sky.

~~(45)~~ Projecting signs shall maintain height clearance of ten (10) feet above ground level and shall not extend more than four feet from the building surface.

~~(65)~~ No sign shall be installed within ten (10) feet of the travelway, unless the applicant presents information that demonstrates to the Codes Enforcement Officer that the sign doesn't impede safe-sight lines.

~~(76)~~ Signs may be located within the setback area (the area between the property line and the setback line) of the property in which they are erected, but no sign shall overhang any property line, except where projecting signs are permitted to overhang the sidewalk.

~~(87)~~ All signs shall be located below the ridgeline of the building.

~~(98)~~ Wall signs may only be installed in the signable area of the facade.

~~(109)~~ Only one post or monument sign is permitted per building, lot or project, except as provided in Subsection H below.

~~(1110)~~ For purposes of calculating total sign area, only one face of post signs shall be included in the calculation. If a sign has more than two (2) faces, or if the 2 faces are not parallel to each other, all sides shall be calculated.

~~(1211)~~ No signage, other than approved traffic and directional signs, shall be placed within traffic islands.

~~(1312)~~ Limits on the number or size, or the method of measuring, post signs shall also apply to monument signs.

~~(1413)~~ Banners. Only one banner is allowed per business, for a single period not to exceed 90 days, and shall be included in the total square footage of signage allowed. The maximum size of a banner is included in the Consolidated Sign Table. In the Commercial Sign District, banners used to announce the availability of leasable space shall not be subject to the single 90-day restriction.

C. Prohibited signs:

(1) Any sign comprised of, or illuminated by, intermittent light, except digital public service messages, such as time, date, temperature, public notice signs displayed in accordance with Section J, public safety signs, or etc., except as otherwise noted. Exception: Public Notice Signs, Public Safety Signs, and public service messages such as time/date/temperature may be displayed in accordance with section "J" except as otherwise noted or as authorized under a Declaration of Emergency.

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~~(12) Public notice informational sign. Signs to be located on municipally owned property or located at a municipal facility to display public notices posted by public employees in performance of their duties.~~

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L. Sign types and sizes by sign district.

**Consolidated Sign Table**

- X Not permitted
- # Indicates size allowed with permit
- #-A Indicates size allowed with no permit required
- P Indicates permit is required; standards are in Subsections G and H

**Sign District**

	Residential <sup>2,3</sup>	Commercial	Highway Commercial	LV <sup>3</sup>	VC <sup>4</sup>	MV <sup>3</sup>	Highway Corridor
<b>Maximum Signage<sup>1</sup></b>	50	200	175	150	175	50	175



B. Variances. To authorize variances upon appeal in specific cases, but only within the limitations set forth in this chapter.

C. Interpretations of this chapter.

~~D. To hear and decide appeals for conditional uses.~~

D. The Board of Appeals shall not have jurisdiction or authority to hear appeals from site plan or subdivision decisions made by either the Planning Board or the Town Planner.

#### § 225-71. Variances

Variances ~~and administrative exception~~ may be permitted only under the following conditions:

- A. Variances may be granted by the Board of Appeals for ~~land use, setbacks, height, minimum lot size, structure size, and open space requirements~~ dimensional standards such as lot area, lot coverage, frontage and setback requirements as allowed by MRSA 30-A §4353.

#### § 225-72. Appeals.

A. Making an appeal.

(1) An appeal may be taken to the Board of Appeals by an aggrieved party from any decision of the Code Enforcement Officer, the Historic District Commission, or the Planning Board on a conditional use application.

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C. Hearings.

(1) In a de novo hearing on an appeal of a decision by the Code Enforcement Officer, the Board may receive any oral or documentary evidence but shall provide as a matter of policy for the exclusion of irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious evidence. Every party shall have the right to present his case or defense by oral or documentary evidence, to submit rebuttal evidence and to conduct such cross-examinations as may be required for a full and true disclosure of the facts.

(2) In an appellate hearing on an appeal of a Planning Board decision on a conditional use application or a decision of the Historic District Commission, the Board may receive oral arguments, but may only review the record of the proceedings before the Planning Board or Historic District Commission.

(3) The appellant's case shall be heard first. To maintain orderly procedure, each side shall proceed without interruption. Questions may be asked through the Chair. All persons at the hearing shall abide by the order of the Chairman.

(4) At any hearing, a party may be represented by agent or attorney. Hearing shall not be continued to other times except for good cause.

(5) If a party does not attend a hearing and is not otherwise represented, its case will be deemed to have been withdrawn without prejudice to refile the appeal. The filing fee of \$50 will not be refunded to any applicant whose appeal is withdrawn in this manner.

(6) The Code Enforcement Officer or his designated assistant shall attend all hearings and may present to the Board of Appeals all plans, photographs or other material he deems appropriate for an understanding of the appeal.

(7) The transcript of testimony, if any, and exhibits, together with all papers and requests filed in the proceedings, shall constitute the record.

#### § 225-73 Decisions

E. A conditional use permit, ~~or variances or administrative exceptions~~ secured under the provisions of this chapter by vote of the Board of Appeals ~~or Planning Board~~ shall expire if the work or change involved is not completed within two years of the date on which the conditional use ~~or~~ variance ~~or administrative exception~~ is authorized.

**Planning Board Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**

**Article 12-** *To see if the Voters will adopt an Ordinance to amend the Topsham Subdivision Ordinance, Chapter 191-1, Definitions – to remove the definition for resubdivision and update the definition of subdivision to align with State of Maine Statutes.*

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#### § 191-1 Definitions.

~~RESUBDIVISION – The division or any change of lot size therein or the location of any street or lot in a subdivision.~~

SUBDIVISION – The division of a tract or parcel of land into three (3) or more lots for the purpose, immediate or future, of lease, sale, development or building, whether this division is accomplished by immediate plotting of the land by metes and bounds. The term "subdivision" shall include the subdivision of land for nonresidential purposes and resubdivision of land. In addition, the definitions of "subdivision" set forth in 30 M.R.S.A. § 4956<sup>1</sup> shall apply for purposes of these regulations within any five (5) year period that begins on or after September 23, 1971 in accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. §4401[4] and as that Subsection may be amended from time to time.

**Planning Board Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**

**Article 13-** *To see if the Voters will adopt an Ordinance to Amend the Topsham Zoning Ordinance to Amend Chapter 225 - 16 Attachment 1:1, Table of Use Regulations to allow residential units on the first floor in the Mixed Use Commercial Zoning District which encompasses the Topsham Fair Mall and Park Drive area.*

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Medical marijuana

~~dispensary~~ — X X X X X X C X C X X X X X X X X

27 Only permitted in the RCU zone along the Route 196 Corridor, not an allowed use in the RCU zone along the Route 201 Corridor

Amend Chapter 225-60.17 Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, as follows:

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~~§ 225-60.17 Medical marijuana dispensaries.~~

~~{Added 2-16-2011 STM, Art. 3}~~

~~Any medical marijuana dispensary shall meet the following standards:~~

~~A. — No such facility shall be located such that the entrance to the facility is any closer than 500 feet measured in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures or objects, to the nearest property boundary of a lot being used for a residential purposes, playground, church, school, park.~~

~~B. — No medical marijuana dispensary shall be located such that the entrance to the facility is any closer than 1,000 feet, measured in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures or objects, to the nearest property boundary of a lot being used for another medical marijuana dispensary.~~

~~C. — No medical marijuana dispensary shall open earlier than 8:00 a.m., nor close later than 8:00 p.m. This shall exclude the hours of operation for the cultivation of medicinal marijuana.~~

**Article 16-** To see if the voters will accept David Drive as a Town-owned way

Exhibit 16

**Planning Board Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**

**Article 17-** To see if the voters will accept Somerset Place as a Town-owned way

Exhibit 17

**Planning Board Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**

**Article 18-** Shall the Town of Topsham vote to adopt the 2019 Topsham Comprehensive Plan

Exhibit 18

**Article 19-** To see if the voters will accept unnamed ROW off of Thomas Ave. as a Town-owned way.

Exhibit 19

**Article 20-** To see if the voters will vote to pay for tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year of 2019/2020 from Overlay. (Explanation: The Assessor is authorized to raise Overlay under 36 MRSA, Section 710, but voter authorization is required to spend Overlay. Overlay cannot be more than 5% of the Tax Commitment)

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**

**Article 21-** To see if the Town will fix the date of Wednesday, May 20, 2020 for the Special Town Meeting.

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**

**Article 22-** To see if the Town will fix the dates when taxes are due and payable, Tuesday, October 15, 2019 and Wednesday, April 15, 2020 and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes after said date at 9% or the maximum amount determined by the State Treasurer.

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**

**Article 23 -** To see if the Town will establish a **maximum interest rate** to be paid on abated taxes:

**9% or the maximum rate established by the State Treasurer**

**For delinquent taxes the interest rate to be paid by the Town reduced by 2%**

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**

**Article 24-** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of **Town-Owned personal property** with value of \$5,000 or less under such terms they deem advisable.

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**

**Article 25-** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to **accept gifts** on behalf of the Town under such terms they deem advisable.

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**

**Article 26-** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to convey by deeds of quit-claim title or other titles as appropriate any real estate acquired by the Town to such persons for such considerations as the Selectmen may in each case determine.

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**

**Article 27-** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for grants, approve the acceptance of grants, receive grants, appropriate the Town's share of the grant from funds raised at a Town Meeting and expend the grant for the purpose stated in the grant.

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation:**

**Ought to Pass**

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2019 BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Douglass, Chair

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William Thompson, Vice-Chair

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Marie Brillant

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Roland Tufts

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Ruth Lyons

The Registrar of Voters office located at the Municipal Building is open Monday - Friday during regular business hours; for the purpose of accepting new registrations and to make address, name and /or enrollment changes. In addition, the Deputy Registrar will be present at the Special Town Meeting from 6pm -7pm on May 15, 2019.

A true copy of the warrant.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of: Topsham